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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action mailed November 07, 2003, the following claims and remarks are submitted for your consideration. The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response of three months, which ends on Monday, February 09, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants believe no fees are due. However, in the event any prosecutional fees are due, please charge to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. These claims and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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